

The name Hyacinth was taken from a story in Greek mythology. In this myth, the god Apollo and his beloved friend Hyacinth were playing in a group sport when Hyacinth was struck in the head with a discus. As Hyacinth lay dying, Apollo knelt beside him and held him. On the spot in the grass where Hyacinth's blood combined with Apollo's tears, the Hyacinth flower grew.

The Hyacinth logo was designed by Bill Connors, a person with AIDS. The solid dark line entering the bottom of the letter "A" symbolizes the light of love which becomes, on the other side of the prism, the radiating hope that results from the collective energy of the group, symbolized by the rainbow.



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AIDS Project

Committed to the
belief that there can
be quality of life in
a world with AIDS

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About the need...

AIDS has created a world of extreme confusion and fear. Young people are dying, and their parents can not understand their untimely deaths. Friends and lovers grieve their losses and fear that they may die, too. Children are alone in hospitals without parents to love or care for them. Society has not yet learned to cope with the devastation of this new epidemic. And the AIDS virus continues to spread, unfettered and misunderstood.

While many people with AIDS face a painful, grueling and often humiliating death, there are many who survive bouts with dangerous infection. Many more carry the virus and have symptoms known as ARC (AIDS-Related Complex). Often, they are able to work and to take care of themselves, and though they have not been cured of disease, and though they hope and strive for health. At the same time, they worry: They know that their futures are grim. And they look to those they love and trust for support.

People with AIDS and ARC need medical, financial, emotional, social and spiritual support. They need people to care for them when they are too weak to care for themselves; they need advocates who will speak for them when their human rights are in jeopardy; they need to talk about their fears; they need medical practitioners who are not afraid to treat them; they need money for their living and medical expenses; and they need to feel loved by people who care about them.

These needs extend to the community as well. Parents and friends need to express their sadness and grief; past and present lovers and cohorts need to express their fears of infection; and society needs information in order to cope with the present and future threats of this epidemic.

About our services...

Buddy Services are provided by trained volunteers who assist people with AIDS or ARC in their daily living. Buddies often serve as a bridge to family and friends in fostering communication and acceptance of the person with AIDS or ARC.

Support Groups are available to anyone who is affected by AIDS, including people who have been diagnosed, people who have lost loved ones, people who fear that they may be at risk, families of those affected, and anyone who requires information about AIDS.

Advocacy and Legal Services are provided by volunteer attorneys who help people with AIDS or ARC to gain or maintain the long-term income, housing, food, health and support they need to live a quality life.

Public Education and Training is an integral part of our mission and includes a speaker's bureau as well as dissemination of information through brochures, announcements and training sessions.

Short-Term Emergency Services include referrals to medical practitioners, financial assistance and counseling.

Hotline Services are provided by trained volunteers who give information about AIDS testing and other available help. Hotline volunteers refer callers to appropriate service and information agencies.

All services are **CONFIDENTIAL** and available either free or on a sliding scale basis. Further information may be obtained by calling the **HOTLINE 1-800-433-0254**.

About Hyacinth...

The Hyacinth Foundation AIDS Project is New Jersey's leading AIDS service organization. Founded in May, 1985, Hyacinth AIDS Project is a not-for-profit, tax-exempt organization committed to maintaining quality of life for all people affected by AIDS.

The sum of our services is much greater than the individual parts. When an individual is lost in the awesome isolation of this disease, Hyacinth Foundation presents an enveloping community and network to turn to. It is a community founded on a willingness to give and a desire to alleviate the fear and helplessness of people confronting mortality. It is a community comprised of volunteers who recognize the importance of this work and who are eager to give what they can to thwart the effects of this major epidemic.

To become a volunteer, please fill out the box below and mail to:

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- ☐ Yes. I would like to help as a volunteer.
- ☐ I cannot serve as a volunteer at this time, but I would like to make a contribution to assist Hyacinth Foundation in this important work.
- ☐ Please add my name to your mailing list.

Name _____
Address _____
Phone _____

Please accept my contribution of \$ _____